

must bear it. If, perchance, a success, the Executive will be the great strategist. Beauregard, entre nous, wrote it to me six weeks ago, disclaiming its paternity.

[Enclosure]

*Braxton Bragg*³⁶⁴ to *Jefferson Davis*

Head Qrs. Army of Tennessee,
Missionary Ridge,

October 11th., 1863.

Sir:

With a view to the more efficient organization and command of this Army, I beg you will relieve Lt. Gen'l Hill from duty with it. Possessing some high qualifications as a commander, he still fails to such an extent in others, that he weakens the moral and military tone of his command.

The want of prompt conformity to orders of great importance, is the immediate cause of this application.

I am, Sir,

Your most ob't Servant,

BRAXTON BRAGG.

Gen'l.

[Endorsement by Hill:]

I became aware of the existence of this letter in my conversation with Mr. Davis. My first application for a Court of Inquiry was refused, upon the ground that there were no charges or allegations against me. After seeing this letter, I based upon it a second application, stating that there were allegations against me. The application was not noticed in any way, but left unanswered.

*Newspaper Editorial on William A. Graham*³⁶⁵

We have reason to believe that the eminent citizen mentioned in the following paragraph from *Raleigh Conservative*, is Hon. W. A. Graham:

³⁶⁴ Braxton Bragg was undeniably opposed to Hill's advancement.

³⁶⁵ From the *Fayetteville Observer*, December 12, 1864.